

# MATT & APRYL HAYNES

## MISSIONARIES TO KURDISTAN

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Dear Pastor,

May - June

*The Lord is not slack  
concerning his promise, as  
some men count  
slackness; but is  
longsuffering to us-ward,  
not willing that any  
should perish, but that all  
should come to  
repentance.*

- 2 Peter 3:9

### Ministry Goals

- Plant churches that will be pastored by nationals.
- Disciple and train men for the ministry.
- Translate Scripture into the major languages of the Kurdish people.

The greatest enemy of faith is fear (sometimes we politely call it worry).

\* Faith reaches for God's will while fear draws back into "safety."

\* Faith sees potential while fear sees only problems.

\* Faith gives reason to press on while fear sees every reason to quit.

God never promised Christians an easy road. He did not promise us a road without struggle or trouble or persecution. He DID promise to be with us. He DID promise to work through us. He DID call us, Christians, to fulfill His will (2 Peter 3:9).

**Acts 18:9**- "Then spake the Lord to Paul in the night by a vision, Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace:"

**Romans 8:15a**- "For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear;"

We will choose to live in fear or we will choose to live BY faith.



9-year-old child recruited to fight for  
ISIL (Islamic State of Iraq and the  
Levant)

### Kurdistan

Our plans have not changed. Our destination is Kurdistan. Our calling is Kurdistan. This is our place and these are our people. It will take more than the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant to stop missionaries from spreading the Gospel.

The situation in Kurdistan and Iraq has been discussed, argued and debated to no satisfactory conclusion. My friend and fellow missionary to Iraq, Stephen Troell, said it best, "Iraq is burning." What our people need is not more soldiers or government or democracy. They need the Gospel of Jesus Christ! Only through Christ can man truly know peace.

### Deputation

God has been so good to us through His churches. We have begun to book meetings next year and that is truly a blessing.

We are just a few weeks away from printing a Gospel tract in Sorani Kurdish. Our next letter will have much more detail on how this project came to be and those involved in it. Only God could have orchestrated these events. What a blessing to our hearts to see others burdened for Kurdish people!

In His Service,  
Matt Haynes

